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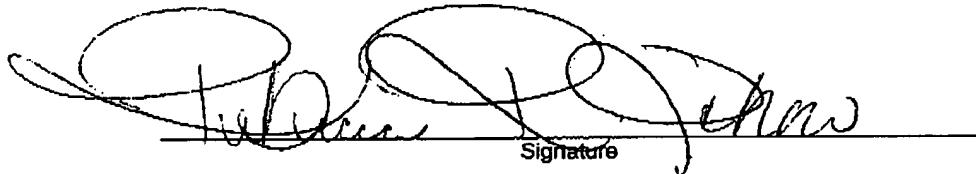
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Application No.: 10/731,551

Filed: December 8, 2003

Title: Fully Implantable Miniature Neurostimulation
for Intercostal Nerve as a Therapy for Angina
Pectoris"

Examiner: GREENE, Dana D.

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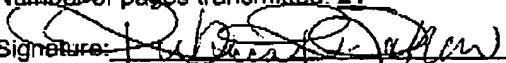
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In response to the non-final Official Action mailed on May 18, 2006, please consider the following.

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